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In response to the Office Action dated 27 February 2006, applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group 1 (claims 1-21). Applicant therefore withdraws, without prejudice, claims 22-41.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.